

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A signal traffic routing method for a signaling network, comprising:

receiving a signal message at a signal transfer point, analyzing a routing label of the ~~receiving~~ received message, and determining the final destination;

5 analyzing whether the final destination of the received signal message is a local system based on a result of the analysis;

transferring the received signal message to ~~[[the]]~~ a message routing unit when the final destination is not the local system;

10 setting a signal route for transferring the signal message using a Signaling Link Selection of the routing label ~~by the message routing unit~~;

selecting a link ~~[[of]]~~ for the signal message ~~[[in]]~~ from the link set of the set route ~~and determining a link using~~ ~~[[the]]~~ link determination history and link determination data; and

updating the link determination history data based on the ~~determined~~ selected link.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the method is performed by a message transfer unit includes comprising a message discriminating unit, a message distributing unit, and ~~[[a]]~~ the message routing unit.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said routing label comprises:  
a signaling link selection bit;  
an originating point code; and  
a destination point code.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, ~~wherein said step for analyzing whether the final message is a local system comprises~~ further comprising:  
transferring ~~[[a]]~~ the received signal message to ~~an operation unit~~ a user part when the final message destination of the received signal message is a local system, and  
5                    ~~transferring the message to the message routing unit when the final message destination is not the local system.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein ~~said step for selecting the link comprises~~:  
checking the link determination history, analyzing to determine whether the signal message is routed based on the same Signal Link Selection as ~~the current~~ a previous Signal Link

5 Selection and routing the signal message through ~~[[the]]~~ a link ~~[[of]]~~ from the link determination history ~~for obtaining~~ determined to be a stable route ~~[[of]]~~ for the data in the case that the signal message ~~[[is]]~~ has been previously routed ~~in the past using the same Signal Link Selection~~; and  
determining the link of the Signal Link Selection as a signal link in the case that the signal message ~~[[is]]~~ has not been previously routed ~~in the past using the same Signal Link~~  
10 Selection.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said link determination data and link determination history ~~comprises~~ comprise:

a link determination history which is a variable representing that a signal message having a corresponding label is routed ~~thorough~~ through a corresponding link; and

5 a link determination data which is a variable representing an available link used when determining the next link.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said the method is performed by a message transfer unit ~~comprises~~ comprising:

a message distributing unit that transfers a signal message to a user part of the local system;

5 a message discriminating unit that analyzes a message received from a message transfer unit and checks whether a final destination of the message is a local system; and

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[[a]] the message routing unit ~~that~~ which routes the message to a route connected with a neighboring signal transfer point to transfer the message to the final destination.

Claims 20-22. (Canceled)